

ARCASIA FELLOWSHIP MEETING

ACA 17, HONG KONG

2.00pm – 4.00pm

26 September 2026

Issues enthusiastically discussed and debated by the 17 members present are summarized as follows:

1.0 OBJECTIVES AND ROLES OF FELLOWSHIP MEETING

- 1.1** Some members still held the idea that the Fellowship meeting is the 'Think Tank' for ARCASIA, but the majority felt that Fellowship meetings, as the name suggests, should be just a time to rekindle old friendships and a platform to continue our support for ARCASIA.
- 1.2** Meeting acknowledged that Fellowship could make suggestions to ARCASIA Council, but it should not interfere with the running of Council and should only offer help when asked.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING

- 2.1** Meeting requested ARCASIA Council to review the qualifications to attend the Fellowship meeting and change them from 'having attended 2 or more Council meetings' to 'having attended any 3 or more ARCASIA events of either Council meetings, ACA, or FORUM'.

3.0 REGISTRATION

- 3.1** Members felt very strongly that the attending Fellowship Meeting should be free and without registration. Host just needs to provide a meeting venue without refreshments. (Members complimented on the sumptuous lunch provided but would rather have simpler and more economical meals to bring the registration fees down so as to allow for more to attend.)

4.0 MEETING FORMAT

- 4.1** Members felt that some tradition like having a dinner together after the Fellowship meeting should be revived. It is to be self-funded by those who attend the dinner.
- 4.2** The meeting time should be moved to later part of the day so that those who are involved in other Committees could attend after their respective Committee meetings.
- 4.3** Some members suggested that the Fellowship should be a full committee of ARCASIA with the appointment of an Honorary Secretary to support the Convener/Chairperson.
- 4.4** There was a suggestion that the seats should be arranged in a roundtable format.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1** Members would like to see the Membership Directory to be updated and past Fellowship meeting reports to be uploaded at ARCASIA's website.
- 5.2** Members suggested the creation of official Fellowship Facebook for better communication.

6.0 PROJECTS

- 6.1** The 'Words of Wisdom' for young architects, penned by those present at Ayutthaya 2015, have been published in the AAA awards issue of Architecture Asia.
- 6.2** Members present contributed another list of 'Words of Wisdom' which would be published in future issue of Architecture Asia.
- 6.3** Chairman also suggested for Fellowship members to share their thoughts on one of their favourite buildings to be published in future issues of Architecture Asia.

7.0 SUGGESTIONS

- 7.1** That country reports should be taken as read and uploaded on the website so that the time saved could be used to meaningfully deliberate on issues related to Practice and Education.
- 7.2** That a 'one-camera only' policy be implemented in ARCASIA so that group photographs could be instantaneously uploaded for members to download. This is to save time from members having to pose for too many photographs by too many cameras.
- 7.3** That a task force is set up to undertake some real projects such as housing for the poor.
- 7.4** That the registration fees be made more affordable and fixed at bidding stage with due consideration on members from developing countries, and without any hidden costs.
- 7.5** That hosting institute to work closely with the immigration department to avoid undue delays at immigration clearance. One member reported to have been stripped almost naked by the immigration officer.

The passion for ARCASIA by Fellowship members is aptly encapsulated in this quote from one member:

"I live one more year to attend ARCASIA!"

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